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**2004-2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

OLYMPIA—Congress has extended the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) through February 2004. Subsequently, the 2004-2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been developed following the existing requirements. TEA-21 specifies where certain funds can be used, expands the kinds of activities for which funds can be used and still promotes the role of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the planning and programming of urban area projects. It also requires Washington State to develop a STIP as a condition to securing federal funds for both urban and rural transportation projects.

The 2004-2006 STIP is now available for public review at the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Regional or Area Offices. The STIP, once approved by both the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), will be viewable in mid to late January at the following web address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/ProgMgt/STIP/STIPHP.htm>

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